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- 1. A method of treating a patient who has an infection which is causing sepsis or which has a likelihood of causing sepsis in the patient, the method comprising:
 - obtaining a biological sample from a patient likely to have sepsis or an infection which will likely produce sepsis; measuring the expression levels of Rap1-GTP and Flt3-L in said sample;
 - comparing the expression levels of Rap1-GTP and Flt3-L in said biological sample with a control or standard, wherein an expression level of Rap1-GTP and Flt3L which is greater than the control or standard is evidence that the patient has an infection in an early stage of sepsis or is likely to cause sepsis in said patient; and
 - said patient is treated with anti-sepsis therapy if sepsis or a likelihood of sepsis is confirmed in said patient.